



City Administrator's Report

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Dear Reader,

Each month, this report from the City Administrator's Office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the Santa Barbara community. Feel free to send me your comments and suggestions.

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Key Meetings

May 8, 15, & 22:	City Council Meetings, City Hall Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 2 p.m.
May 7 & 31:	Budget Meeting – Public Hearing, City Hall Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 1 p.m.

Community Events

May 5:	Solstice Workshop, Solstice Community Art, Noon. For more information, call 965-3396.
May 5 & 6:	Santa Barbara Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Plaza de la Guerra and at the Casa de la Guerra, Saturday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 11 – 9 p.m. For more information, go to http://www.cincodemayosb.com/
May 12:	Santa Barbara City Fire Department 125th Anniversary Celebration, De la Guerra Plaza, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 14: **Youth (and Community) Speak Out**, Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 118 W. Cabrillo Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m. For more information, call 897-2650.

May 28: **Memorial Day Holiday.** City offices closed.

Water Awareness Month Celebrations:

Saturday, May 5 at 9 a.m.
Charles Meyer Desalination Facility
Facility Tour
525 E. Yanonali Street, Santa Barbara
Cost: Free

Saturday May 5th at 2 p.m.
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
Tour: "Water Conserving Plants for the Home Garden"
1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara
Cost: Free with admission

Saturday, May 12th at 12 p.m.
Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden
Tour: Low-water Using
Demonstration Garden
Corner of Santa Barbara and
Micheltorena Streets, Santa Barbara
Cost: Free

Saturday May 26th at 10 a.m.
Montecito Water District
Tour: Conservation Demonstration Garden
385 San Ysidro Road, Montecito
Cost: Free

Tuesday, May 22nd at 6 p.m.
Santa Barbara Public Library
High School Water Awareness Video
Contest Awards Ceremony
40 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara
Cost: Free

All of May
Santa Barbara County Administration
Building
Water Awareness Month Display
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara
Cost: Free

Flags on State Street: www.santabarbaradowntown.com

May 4 - May 7:	Cinco de Mayo (Mexican National & American Flags)
May 7 - May 14:	Preservation Days (Pearl Chase Society)
May 14 - May 24:	Bike Week
May 24 – May 29:	Memorial Day (American Flags)
May 29 – June 4:	Big Dog Foundation

City Administrator

Sustainable Santa Barbara Report Now Available. This Annual Report highlights our City's best practices, recent achievements, and future plans. As a City organization, we are committed to leading by example in environmental protection and enhancement. The City is on the cutting edge of sustainability and we continue to improve and innovate every day. In the Sustainable Santa Barbara Report, you can find the City's best practices, achievements, and plans for the future. The report covers several focus areas, including Climate Protection, Waste Prevention, and Water Quality, Conservation, and Habitat Restoration. You can get a copy of the Sustainable Santa Barbara Report at www.sustainablesb.org

City TV Channel 18 Airs Inside Santa Barbara. *Inside Santa Barbara* is a monthly, thirty-minute newsmagazine that focuses on the City's important issues, projects, and events. In the May episode, *Inside Santa Barbara* highlights the Empowering Youth Summit, Earth Day, the new MTD Hybrid Bus, the Riviera Neighborhood Evacuation Drill, and Public Works Week. *Inside Santa Barbara* premieres at 9 p.m. on City TV Channel 18 on Saturday, May 5th. It rebroadcasts on Mondays at 8 and 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 5 and 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., 9 and 9:30 p.m., Sundays at 10:30 and 11 p.m. You can view this episode online, as well as past episodes on www.citytv18.com

City TV Channel 18 Nominated For Emmy and NATOA Awards. City TV Channel 18 is proud to announce that it has been nominated for an Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in the category of *Spot Animation/Graphic Design* for its water wise landscaping PSA called "Plants Bloated." In this category, City TV is competing against San Diego. Emmy award winners will be announced on June 16th at La Costa Resort and Spa.

City TV Channel 18 has also been nominated by the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SCAN-NATOA). City TV has been nominated in the categories of *Website* and *Municipal Channel Promo*. Award winners will be announced at the SCAN NATOA Annual Conference in Santa Monica on May 24th. In these categories, City TV is competing against the City of Calabasas, the City of Irvine, and the City of Las Vegas.

Administrative Services

Semi-Annual Recruitment for Boards and Commissions. The City is currently conducting a semi-annual recruitment for the following Boards and Commissions:

- Architectural Board of Review
- Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens
- Civil Service Commission
- Community Development & Human Services Committee
- Community Events & Festivals Committee
- Downtown Parking Committee
- Fire & Police Pension Commission
- Franklin Center Advisory Committee
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing Authority Commission
- Library Board
- Living Wage Advisory Committee
- Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee
- Neighborhood Preservation Board (subject to adoption of ordinance by the City Council on May 8, 2007)
- Rental Housing Mediation Task Force
- Water Commission

The deadline to submit applications for the recruitment is Friday, June 1, 2007. It is anticipated that the City Council will conduct interviews on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. and on June 26, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. The list of vacancies and the application form are available at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (805) 564-5309.

Performance Evaluation Form Enhancements. Information Systems has improved the Performance Evaluation template used to provide General/TAP and Supervisor annual performance assessments. The previous template had been limited in editing capabilities and field sizes. The new template is a standard Word format which allows for improved editing, spell checking, and scoring. It will be rolled out to all departments in mid-May and will be a significant improvement over the old form.

New Utility Billing Vendor Selection. A new Utility Billing application, Infinity, from Advanced Utility Systems has been selected to replace the existing in-house developed billing application. This "Best of Breed" application will provide the latest in technology and flexibility to Finance, various Public Works divisions, and the contract refuse companies. All groups worked very closely to review the requirements of this new application which is scheduled for implementation in late 2007.

LEAPing for Success! The City's learning program, LEAP (Learning for Excellence and Achievement Program), is administered by the Human Resources Division. The primary goals of LEAP are to help employees improve their people skills, technical expertise, and knowledge of the organization to become more effective and efficient in their jobs, as well as prepare for advancement within the City organization. For the last two years, the City has been working on a training and development goal for city employees. General employees have been targeting

completion of four classes: Exceptional Customer Service, Interpersonal Communication, Making Teams Work and Using Good Judgment and Ethics. These classes were selected as part of a strategic plan to target skills crucial in today's workforce. We are well on our way to meeting this ambitious goal! Employees who have completed the Success Series, comprised of the above mentioned classes, as well as supervisors and managers who have completed the Super Series (9 courses) will be acknowledged at a recognition celebration on June 1st. Congratulations to all who have completed this series!

Airport

Independent Living Resource Center Recognizes Airline Terminal Project. Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director, accepted a certificate of recognition for accessible planning of the new Airline Terminal at the Independent Living Resource Center's 30th Anniversary Open House on April 17th. Accessibility is a key goal of the Airline Terminal Project so that all passengers are better served. Approximately 20% of the population has some form of disability and at least 10% has some hearing loss. Among the many access improvements will be loading bridge at one gate and eventually four gates; visual and auditory announcements and alarm systems; smooth flooring for comfort of wheelchair users; and clear paths of travel.

2007 Passenger Traffic. During the first quarter of this year, 187,256 passengers arrived and departed at SBA compared to 196,440 for the same period last year. This is a 4.7% decrease in traffic which is partly attributed to a loss in seat capacity for United and Delta. The highest passenger loads on average were aboard United's flights to Denver at 91.4% and American Eagle's flights to Dallas/Ft. Worth at 84.1%. Record passenger usage at SBA was experienced by Horizon Air aboard the Portland and Seattle service – they showed double digit growth each month.

Community Development Department

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will meet on May 10th and 17th. Some of the highlights include:

A concept review of a proposed 50-unit office condominium project at 101 East Victoria Street is scheduled for discussion on May 10th. This proposal includes demolition of about 11,900 square feet of existing office space and construction of 50 small office condos, averaging about 350 SF each, with underground parking and some shared facilities.

On May 10th and 17th, the Planning Commission will also consider proposed condominium conversion projects. The first, at 515 E. Arrellaga Street, would convert ten existing apartment units into eight condominium units, with upgraded landscaping and other improvements. The second, at 814 and 816 W. Figueroa Street, would convert seven apartments to condominiums, including one affordable unit, with associated improvements. These account for two of the three condominium conversion projects that exceed four units, thus requiring that the applications be deemed complete by March 30th of any given year. The third one, at 2515-2519 Orella Street, consists of

seven existing units in a bungalow court configuration that will require substantial upgrades and additions to some of the smaller units.

On May 17th, the Planning Commission will hold a hearing on proposed revisions to the approved Youth Hostel at 12 E. Montecito Street. The purpose of the hearing is to provide input to the Community Development Director to consider before he makes a Substantial Conformance Determination on the redesigned project. The Youth Hostel is part of the Waterfront Hotel project and building permits for the Hostel must be issued before the Hotel permits are issued.

Upper State Street Study. On Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m., the City Council will consider the Upper State Street Study. The Study Report provides recommendations for urban design and transportation improvements in the State Street commercial corridor between Highway 101/Calle Real and Calle Laureles. Public comment is invited. For more information, call the Planning Division at 564-5470 or look online at www.santabarbaraca.gov.

Finance Department

Upcoming Budget Meetings. The final two public hearings on the City's Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 financial plan will be held on Monday, June 4th at 6 p.m. and Thursday, June 7th at 9 a.m. On June 26th, the City Council will consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

March Transient Occupancy Tax Up 11.5%. March saw a return to strong growth in our transient occupancy tax revenue. After three consecutive months of slow or no growth, March was up 11.5% from the previous March. Our fiscal year-to-date growth is 6.3% through nine months of the fiscal year which is in line with our year-end projections.

City of Santa Barbara								
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES								
Month	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%	\$ 1,556,439	5.3%
Aug	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%	1,591,998	5.8%
Sept	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%	1,196,533	7.9%
Oct	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%	1,051,043	9.1%
Nov	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%	887,047	9.6%
Dec	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%	669,540	-0.4%
Jan	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%	677,428	2.4%
Feb	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%	758,041	2.6%
Mar	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%	953,927	11.5%
April	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%		
May	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%		
June	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%	1,223,974	5.7%		YTD
FY Total	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 11,081,490	6.9%	\$ 12,032,372	8.6%	\$ 9,341,996	6.3%
Budget	\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200		\$ 12,630,600	

Includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).

Fire Department

Evacuation Drill. The level of participation at the evacuation drill on Saturday, April 28th in a portion of the Riviera exceeded our expectations! Based on the experience from the Mission Canyon evacuation drill two years ago where only 25% of the residents participated, we were hoping at best to have 50% of the contacted homeowners actually participate. What we saw on Saturday was a much higher rate of involvement, with 68% of the residents in the area actively participating. Nearly 600 residents packed up pets/evacuation kits, etc. and passed by one of our five traffic control points, where they handed staff and volunteers a pre-printed ticket that we are using to analyze traffic patterns, response times and to log the total number of evacuees. Although there were some technology glitches with the Reverse 9-1-1 system, the pre-warning notices and other notification techniques that were used obviously proved effective. A detailed “After Action Report” will be issued in a few weeks listing the lessons learned from this exercise. Thanks to the many public and private organizations that helped plan and execute this drill. The level of cooperation and support we received from them was absolutely amazing.

Fires – A Busy Month. Three significant structure fires occurred in the month of April:

On April 18th at approximately 4:15 am, firefighters responded to a structure fire at De La Guerra and Santa Barbara Streets. This “2 Alarm” fire caused over \$1,000,000 in damage and cost the lives of three pets. A family was displaced by the fire, which was accidental in nature.

On April 24th, a home on San Andres Street was severely damaged after a fire broke out during a roofing repair operation. This fire caused over \$75,000 in damage and also displaced two renters. Fortunately there were no injuries.

On April 28th, a third “2 Alarm” fire occurred in an apartment on Pueblo Street. This fire destroyed one apartment unit and displaced yet another family. The fire loss on this accidental fire was estimated to be over \$50,000, making April one of the most costly months in terms of fire loss in the past few years.

Library Department

Santa Barbara Junior League Votes to Support Central Library Children’s Project. The Santa Barbara Junior League will work with the Public Library in moving the children’s department to the lower level of the Library as their next major project. The League will help realize the long-standing but financially difficult dream of creating an expanded and separate library space for the children’s collection and programs by helping with design and planning of the space and with raising for the project. The League has also pledged to volunteer their time to work on services to youth in the community in various literacy-related programs.

Eastside Library Grand Opening. The Eastside Library held its grand opening of the renovated children’s area and improvements to the community meeting room and patio on Saturday April 28. Hundreds of people attended the celebration which included Dancing Drum activities, storytelling, and a performance of Seussical by Showstoppers. The Santa Barbara Junior League raised \$70,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to transform the interior into “A Happy Place for Kids,” part of its commitment to youth literacy in the community.

Family Literacy Workshops. The Library's Literacy Program partnered with Youth Services to encourage reading to children in a series of workshops called "A Child's Imagination – Books to Grow With." The series was part of a new initiative by the California State Library, which views public libraries as important community centers with the ability to reach families. The Santa Barbara Public Library System received \$5,000 in Early Learning with Families grant money from the State Library, and three staff members attended the two-day training program.

The series held for English-speaking families had 59 parents and children participate; the Spanish-language program is still underway but is similarly well-attended. The Saturday morning sessions begin with welcome and playtime, storytelling, and then the children engage in a craft activity while the library staff and parents share information about child development, reading, play and discovery. Copies of two books that are good for reading aloud are checked out to the parents at each session.

The Library is currently applying for grants to expand the program in 2007-2008 to offer it at three additional branches.

Final Santa Barbara Reads/UCSB Reads Discussion on Global Warming. The Santa Barbara Reads program, in collaboration with UCSB Reads for Earth Day, held its final four community conversations in April at all the Library branches. The last of these was at the Central Library, where UCSB Professor of Geography Catherine Gautier and Visiting Scholar Lee Hannah of the Bren School presented the scientific basis of global warming, and responded to questions and comments about climate change and the selected book, "Field Notes From a Catastrophe" by Elizabeth Kolbert. Mayor Marty Blum was on the panel, and presented the practical measures that the City has taken to reduce greenhouse emissions and recent movements toward a more sustainable community. The audience of about 65 included students from Santa Barbara Middle School, UCSB Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas and people of all ages. The steady and lively exchange was recorded by City TV for airing in May.

Parks and Recreation Department

Youth Speak Out to Address In-Home Drinking on Monday, May 14. The City of Santa Barbara's Teen Programs' Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAP) Teen Coalition and the Santa Barbara Youth Council will present a "Youth Speak Out" on Monday, May 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center to address the reduction of underage drinking through policy changes like the proposed Social Host Ordinance. Once passed, this ordinance would hold people accountable for allowing underage drinking in their home, resulting in citations, fines and/or classes for both adults and teens. The Speak Out will provide a forum for the community, especially teens, to give their perspective and input. Panelists for the Youth Speak Out include Mayor Marty Blum, Chair of the Public Policy Task Force, and Al Rodriguez from the Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services. A teen and a parent will round out the panel along with Geoff Dean of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, who will speak about the success of Ventura's Social Host Ordinance, passed eleven months ago. Other community partners for this event are City at Peace, Shape of Voice, and Future Leaders of America. For more information, contact Roberta Payan, Teen Programs, at 897-2650.

Applicant Sought for Franceschi Park Advisory Committee. The Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking interested individuals to fill one Horticulturist position on the Franceschi Park Advisory Committee. The term of service is three years. The Franceschi Park Advisory Committee provides advice to the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission regarding ongoing park operations, education, maintenance and other related matters. The Committee meets quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month. Applications for the position may be obtained at the 620 Laguna Street office or by calling Terri Yamada, Parks Administrative Assistant, at 564-5484. Applications must be received by May 11. Interviews of qualified applicants will be conducted during the May 23 Park and Recreation Commission meeting. City employees are not eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee. For more information, please call Terri Yamada at 564-5484.

Grab Your Gardening Tools for the Annual Franceschi Park Work Day. The Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Franceschi Park Advisory Committee and the Riviera Homeowners Association, will host a workday at Franceschi Park on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. The clean-up will focus on an area of the park where a new planting demonstration bed will be installed. All interested adults, teens, and children are invited to help trim plants, clear paths, and perform general park clean up. For more information, please call Terri Yamada at 564-5484.

Parks Division Completes Landscaping Project at Eastside Library. Parks Division staff planted a new raised planter bed at the back entrance to the Eastside Library at 1102 E. Montecito Street. New sustainable planting, including miniature bottlebrush plants, palm trees and a strawberry tree were planted. Additionally, the entire library site received three inches of mulch. Funding was provided through City Public Works Water Resources Division.

Junior Lifeguard Registration Day Fills Program to Near-Capacity. Junior Guards was the only camp program this year to hold a scheduled registration day on Saturday, April 14. Parents could register either online or in person at the Cabrillo Pavilion Bathhouse from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; 223 registrations were processed that morning (33% online/67% in person). Another 30 registrations have come in since the 14th bringing this popular program close to its total capacity of 268 for youth ages 9 through 17.

Adapted Recreation Schedules New Programs for Spring and Summer. A wheelchair tennis clinic, wheelchair tennis lessons and a free Adapted dance program are some of the activities available to those with special needs this spring. The tennis clinic held on Saturday, April 28, had six participants along with an instructor from Los Angeles and local instructor Nancy Wheeler. Weekly tennis lessons begin May 4th at the Municipal Tennis Courts. The free dance program designed for individuals with disabilities who love to dance and socialize is held on Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Carrillo Recreation Center. For more information, contact Kimmie Coley at 564-5421.

New Spring & Summer Activities Offer Plenty of Ways to Get Fit and Have Fun. Five new camps—*Summer Clay*, *Doggone Fun*, *Bullseye Archery*, *Just-4-Kicks Soccer* and *Learning to Make a Change*—have been added to offerings for summer camp and sports clinics this year. Other new youth programs for spring and summer include *Start Smart Sports Skill Development* and *Start Smart Soccer* for ages 3-5; a *Youth 5-on-5 No Contact Beach Flag Football League* (ages 12-17); a *Youth Acting Program* (ages 6-17); *Ballet Camp* for 3-6 year olds; a *Master Artist Series* (ages 7-10); and new ceramics workshops. Sports-minded adults

can explore *Kiteboarding* in a 3-day August clinic; join a *5-on-5 Beach Flag Football League* or a *Summer Coed 6-on-6 Soccer League*; socialize with other dog people in *Fitness with Fido*; or get lessons in *lawn bowling* at MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowls Club. The artistic can learn to play *Spanish Guitar*, write a hit song in *Songwriting 101* or create one-of-a-kind *ceramic art* at the oceanfront Chase Palm Park Craft Center. Women can fine tune their *tango techniques* in a class just for them, beginners can quickly master *Salsa basics* in a two-hour August workshop, grab a partner to learn *Country Line Dances* or get a fast-paced, high-energy workout with *Belly Dance Fitness*! Find all the details in the *Spring & Summer Activity Guide*, available online at www.sbparksandrecreation.com or at any of the Parks and Recreation office locations.

Women's Golf Week at Santa Barbara Golf Club. As part of the third annual 2007 Play Golf America Women's Golf Week, the Santa Barbara Golf Club will host free golf lessons and other golf-related special events for women beginning Saturday, June 2 through Saturday, June 9. Festivities will include a free women's golf clinic on Saturday, June 2 at 4 p.m.; a Trunk Show and Happy Hour at Mulligans on Sunday, June 3, 2 to 4 p.m.; 2-for-1 Golf on Monday, June 4; half-price golf cart fees on Wednesday, June 6; 2-for-1 Range Tokens on Thursday, June 7; and free women's 10-minute lessons on Friday, June 8. For more information, call the SBGC at 687-7087.

Water Quality Snapshot Day, Saturday May 5, 10 a.m. to Noon at Mission Creek. The Creeks Division, in collaboration with Channelkeeper, will provide volunteers with hands-on training in water quality monitoring as part of this statewide Snapshot Day. Volunteers will visit two locations along Mission Creek and collect samples to assess water quality including temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity and bacteria. Snapshot day is a great excuse to explore local creeks while collecting important water quality information. Call 897-2606 or e-mail lgrabowsky@santabarbaraca.gov for details.

BioBlitz, Saturday May 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. The Creeks Division will have an educational booth at BioBlitz Santa Barbara's Community Day. The results of ecological surveys conducted as part of the BioBlitz will provide an inventory of Mission Creek and biodiversity. There will be displays of plants and animals, demonstrations and hands-on activities for adults and children. The Creeks Division will display water quality and aquatic insect biodiversity results for Mission Creek, including results from the May 5th volunteer Snapshot Day!

Steelhead Festival, Sunday May 20 at Stearns Wharf. The Creeks Division is a sponsor of the second annual Steelhead Festival which includes steelhead sculptures installed on State Street, a 5K migration run, and a community festival near the Ty Warner Sea Center. Booths will present interactive, educational activities and films about watershed issues will show in the Sea Center's theatre.

Police Department

Drunken, Bloody Disagreement. On April 3rd, Police responded to the 700 block of East Haley Street on reports of a man walking around while covered with blood. The "victim" was found wandering in a state of drunken nonchalance, bleeding from several deep facial lacerations. A blood trail led to a nearby residence, where police found a second man with even worse injuries to his face and arms. The investigation determined the two were roommates.

While drinking heavily, the two men quarreled over the ownership of a cell phone. One suspect produced a razor blade and slashed his antagonist's face. Unable to loosen his opponents' grip on the razor blade, the "victim", while bleeding profusely, responded by bending his attacker's arm back as to repeatedly cut his own face and arms. Several awful moments later the "victim," now satisfied with his horrible measure of revenge, strolled to a nearby liquor store to purchase additional beer, seemingly oblivious to the spectacle of his blood covered appearance. Both men were transported to Cottage Hospital. The "victim's" injuries took 60 stitches, while his razor wielding antagonist needed a combination of a few hundred stitches and staples. Both were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Illegal Camp Site Clean-Up. In Mid-April, the Tactical Patrol Force unit coordinated with Public Works, SWAP workers and CALTRANS to eradicate four illegal camp sites along US HWY 101. The four camps were located along Highway 101 off-ramps at Mission Street, Laguna Street, Milpas Street and Cabrillo. Leading up to the sweeps, the Tactical Patrol Force unit, four officers and the K-9 unit made several felony and misdemeanor arrests from the Laguna Street off-ramp camp. Most arrests were for drug related violations. Several truckloads of trash refuse were removed from these areas.

Labor Line Drug Problem Targeted. The Police Department concluded a massive operation designed to up-root the deeply entrenched drug activity at the Labor Line at 400 to 600 E. Yanonali Street. For a six-week period, the Tactical Patrol Force, Narcotic Detail, and directed patrols conducted surveillance, undercover operations, and saturated patrols aimed at eliminating street level drug dealing. At the conclusion of the six-week operation dubbed "Operation Safe Labor" 56 people had been arrested for charges including: drug dealing, drug possession, prostitution, illegal weapons, and parole and probation violations. This operation successfully cleaned out a bad element of the labor line, and likewise forced drug addicts into compulsory drug treatment programs.

Credit Card Caper. Detectives investigating a stolen credit card case identified the suspect as an employee of a UPS mailbox store franchised to a local business owner. Detectives arrested the suspect at his job site only to find his wallet filled with other stolen credit cards. It seems the suspect had been skimming incoming mail to retrieve credit cards and personal identification. A search warrant at the suspect's residence turned up more credit cards and stolen mail. The suspect was arrested for unauthorized use of a credit card, burglary, and identity theft.

Public Works Department

The Granada Garage. The public's use of the Granada Garage continues to increase. Since the full opening of the Granada Garage in June of 2006, staff has been pleased with its level of performance. In February 2007, the occupancy level of the Garage, exceeded the occupancy level of the Lot 6 surface lot of 210 spaces.

In the last eight months the occupancy level has gone from averaging less than 10% to a 35% average and is out performing Garages 2 and 10 during their first year of service. This performance level also comes at a time when the surrounding area of the 1100 and 1200 blocks of State Street are experiencing higher vacancies and undergoing major construction. Two

construction projects, the Granada Theater Project and the People's Self Help Housing Project, have been underway for a number of months and may have had an impact on the use of the Granada Garage. With the completion of the Granada Theater project, the occupancy in the Granada Garage is expected to reach even higher occupancy levels and the exit lane onto Anapamu Street will be opened adding a second exit from the garage.

Granada Garage Bike Station Grand Opening. The City of Santa Barbara Downtown Parking and Bikestation kicked off National Bike Month on May 1st with the Grand Opening of Bikestation Santa Barbara, at the Granada Garage. Bikestation Santa Barbara is available to members twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Members choose from a number of affordable payment options ranging from a daily entrance fee of \$1 to an annual membership fee of \$96. To enter the facility, members simply swipe their automated access key located near the front entrance. The facility has over 70 bike racks, a shower, restroom and personal lockers as well as to a work stand, vending machine and basic tools to perform minor bicycle repairs.

Portesuello Hills and Upper Mesa to get Regular Street Sweeping. The hillside and hilltop neighborhoods of Bel Air/Portesuello/East Valerio and the Upper Mesa/TV Hill will be added to the residential sweeping program starting this July. Implementation is well under way; street tree pruning is almost completed along on the new routes, notices are being prepared for public outreach and an informational meeting, and route planning is being done with the sweeping contractor. The new areas will be swept twice a month. Only a few blocks near Cliff Drive will need parking restrictions to clear them for the sweeper.

This expansion will add 43 curb miles to the 201 curb miles of residential streets that are currently in the City street sweeping program. We estimate that 1,050 tons of debris will be removed from 244 curb miles of residential neighborhood streets next year.

Graffiti Abatement Going Strong. The Streets Division has been hitting back hard at graffiti reported recently on the Graffiti Hotline and by email. On April 19, one day's work saw the graffiti team of Georgia Lopez and Junior Ramirez paint out over a thousand square feet of tagged surfaces in the Railroad corridor, and clean with graffiti remover or paint over 200 square feet of tags around town on sidewalks, fences, walls and utility boxes on Gutierrez, Bath, Ortega, Edison, and Cota Streets. Five graffiti notices were given to private property owners about graffiti on their property. There were seven calls on the hotline that day, and five emails, and they made time for an interview with City TV. This is all in a day's work for the graffiti team.

Railroad Corridor Clean Up. Using the recently approved Memorandum of Understanding with Union Pacific Railroad, the City hired a crew from the California Conservation Corps to conduct the cleanup on the railroad corridor between Carrillo and Cota Streets on April 24 and 25. The CCC was assisted by a Union Pacific flagman and City crews and Caltrans provided the City authorization to use their property for the work. The crew removed fifteen, 40 yard roll off dumpsters of green waste (each approximately the size of a bus). The green waste was chipped and spread throughout the area as mulch. The crew also removed ten cubic yards of trash from the area.

This is the first of the monthly cleanups that will be done in cooperation with Union Pacific on the railroad corridor over the next year. Union Pacific will reimburse the City the cost of the CCC crew. The goal over the next year is to clean up the entire six-mile corridor within the City limits.

Conservation Important as Ever. Has it been a dry year? Yes, in fact it is one of the driest years on record. Does that mean we are in another drought? No, normally it takes several years of dry weather before we are concerned about drought. So what does that mean about water conservation? Water conservation is always important. The water you save now by increasing your efficiency helps stretch our supplies in case of a drought. It also helps us avoid extra costs to bring in more water.

State Route 225 Relinquishment. City staff is continuing to make progress working with Caltrans for taking over their State Route 225 for a target date of completing the “relinquishment” by late fall 2008. The limits of the relinquishment are Las Positas south of Highway 101 at Modoc Road to Cliff Drive, Cliff Drive to Highway 101 at the Castillo Street under-crossing and includes the annexation of the relinquished right-of-way not already within the City. Council directed staff in early 2005 to initiate the relinquishment of State Route 225 from Caltrans to the City. A necessary annexation was initiated and the Planning Commission recommended approval following a public hearing held on November 10, 2005.

Caltrans is now finalizing the plans for the “SR 225 Project Phase II – Modify/Construct Sidewalks and Curb Ramps” to update pedestrian accessibility, in compliance with the American Disabilities Act requirements, which is currently scheduled to be constructed in the early fall of 2007, prior to the relinquishment. Caltrans anticipates the project's completion in early spring 2008, with the City assuming ownership of the facility in late fall 2008. The accessibility project remains the critical last item for relinquishment.

Milpas Street Beautification Project. The project is complete and a ribbon-cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, May 14th, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. in the McDonald's parking lot at 29 N. Milpas Street. The eye-pleasing pedestrian-friendly enhancements between Quenientos and Canon Perdido Streets include improvements such as sidewalk repair, addition of 75 pedestrian lights, trees, bus stop benches and upgrades, newly painted sign poles and utility boxes, curb bulb-outs at Milpas and Canon Perdido, and new trash receptacles.

The project improves the area and focuses resources on developing balanced transportation and mobility solutions to meet City goals. It also meets the City's Pedestrian Master Plan goals and promotes alternative forms of transportation, including pedestrian and bus travel, as part of the City's Sustainable Santa Barbara Program. Celebrate with City officials, staff, and the Milpas Street Merchants Association by attending the ribbon cutting ceremony on May 14th and see the Milpas Street beautification for yourselves!

Water Main Replacement. Tierra Contracting, Inc. will be starting on Las Olas and continue to other locations on the mesa before moving to the west side. The project will cover fourteen different streets and is expected to be complete in November 2007. This work includes replacement of approximately 2% of the City water main and is part of the ongoing water main replacement program and is part of the ongoing water main replacement program.

Waterfront Department

Cruise Ship Visit. On Monday, May 7th, the 950 foot-long cruise ship Diamond Princess will visit Santa Barbara for the day. Princess Cruise Lines has obtained final approvals for the port call and will use four to six tenders to transfer its 2,500 passengers to Sea Landing, from where they will disperse throughout the area for a day of touring before returning to the ship for a 4:00 p.m. departure. As always, the ship will be required by signed agreement to be at least twelve miles offshore and underway while dumping treated sewage or grey water. The Waterfront Department has worked with Princess Cruise Lines since 2004, coordinating visits that usually number one or two per year, often in the spring and late summer. The Department welcomes the Diamond Princess and looks forward to providing a rich experience for her passengers and a profitable day for local businesses. As always with cruise ship visits, staff expects few impacts to the harbor in general.

Breakwater Cap Repair Project – Phase 2. On March 5th, construction started on the Breakwater Cap Repair Project and Cushman Contracting Corporation has made excellent progress. Eighteen panels built in the mid-1970s have been demolished exposing the original walkway which was constructed in the 1940s. Concrete forms are being installed on alternating panels on the walkway with completion of the walkway expected by the end of May, at which time, the parapet wall will be formed and poured. Finish work is scheduled for June with the opening of the breakwater expected by mid to late June.

Operation Clean Sweep. On May 19th, Waterfront staff and volunteers will team up for the second annual Operation Clean Sweep. Last year, 30 divers and dock support workers removed over two tons of seafloor debris from Marina 3. This year, the team will target Marina 4, in an ongoing effort to removing junk that has accumulated on the harbor bottom over the past several decades. This year's effort is part of a 10-year plan to remove debris from the Harbor seafloor.

Marina 1 Replacement Project. URS/Cash engineers continue work on the preliminary design for Marina 1 Replacement Project Phase 1. Significant shoreside utility upgrades for electrical service and fire water will be necessary to meet existing code requirements for the new docks. Five alternatives are being considered with construction cost estimates for shoreside utility upgrades ranging from \$200,000 to \$350,000 and more. Depending on the technically and economically preferred alternative for shoreside utility improvements, regulatory review and permitting may be a relatively long and involved process. Shoreside upgrades will be reviewed with stakeholders such as the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and Harbor Merchants Associations as the design advances and becomes more detailed. In March, a loan application of \$6 million was submitted to the Department of Boating and Waterways. The requested loan amount exceeds the cost estimate for the first three phases of the project, but will allow for inflation and unanticipated improvements such as the shoreside utility upgrades, or funding for future phases of the project, if approved.